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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT/FAA, SECURITY REPS OF US CARRIERS COMPLAINED THAT SECURITY AT BUENOS AIRES EZEIZA AIRPORT IS DEFICIENT ON ALL EIGHT POINTS IN REFTEL (B). MOST SERIOUS IS LACK OF ADEQUATE SCREENING AND POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF AIRPORT TERMINAL.

2. AVOIDING REFERENCE TO SOURCE OF CRITICISM AND USING WHATEVER ELEMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM BEST SUITED FOR THE PURPOSE, EMBASSY SHOULD DO WHAT IT CAN TO ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY AT THIS AIRPORT. AT EMBASSY DISCRETION, IT MAY INDICATE US CONCERN EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNEL DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

3. IT MAY BE USEFUL TO CALL ATTENTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO RECENT RECOMMENDATION OF IATA (INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION) SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT ALL

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PORT ASSOCIATION) SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT ALL

GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE MINIMUM SECURITY CALLED FOR IN EIGHT POINTS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (B). IT MAY ALSO BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT COUNTRIES IN ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD ARE ADOPTING THESE MEASURES AS IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT NO COUNTRY CAN ESCAPE THE ESSENTIAL VULNERABILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT TO TERRORISTS ATTACKS OFTEN BY GROUPS

INTERESTED IN OBJECTIVES OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ATTACK IS MADE.

4. ONCE INTEREST ON PART OF ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES IS AROUSED, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST VISIT OF FAA SECURITY OFFICIAL TO ARGENTINA OR PARTICIPATION OF ARGENTINE OFFICIALS IN BRIEFING OR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN U.S. (REF. STATE A-1288, FEB 12, 1973). IN DISCUSSING VISITS IN EITHER DIRECTION, EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE ESSENTIALLY RECIPROCAL NATURE OF THESE PROGRAMS AND U.S. DESIRE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON TECHNIQUES TO COMBAT HIJACKING AND ATTACKS ON CIVIL AIRPORTS AND AIRCRAFT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON SECURITY AT EZEIZA AIRPORT INCLUDING BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO CRITERIA MENTIONED IN REFTEL (B) WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. RUSH

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